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BIOSYNTHETIC ENZYME

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ELECTION AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 2, 2002, for which a one-month period for response was set. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time, making the response due October 2, 2002. The proper extension fee is enclosed with this response.

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, and requests that the Applicants elect a single invention pursuant to 37 CFR 1.499. Applicants traverse this restriction requirement on the ground that it is inappropriate in this case, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement.

Applicants note the Examiner's reminder that a reply to this requirement must include at least a provisional election of the invention to be examined to be complete. To comply with this requirement, Applicants provisionally elect to pursue prosecution of Examiner's Group II (claims 15-19), with traverse. In addition, Applicants expressly reserve the right to contest the requirement of restriction in this and any future related application.

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